

WESTBURY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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To the Chairman of the Westbury Urban District Council.

I beg to present my Annual Report for 1948 on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the District.

As a result of Dr. D.F. Morgan's resignation in September this report is largely statistical and confined to matters obtained from written reports submitted by Dr. Morgan.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

JOSEPH REYNOLDS.

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1. OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL. (PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT)

Medical Officer of Health: Joseph Reynolds, M.C.,
L.R.C.P. & S. (Edin.) L.R.F.P. & S. (Glas.) D.P.H. (Eng.)

Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector: C. Frobisher, M.I.M.E.,
A.M.I.S.E., F.I.H.E., C.R.S.I.

2. GENERAL STATISTICS. (Figures for 1947 in brackets)

Chief occupations are:- Railway Employees, Cloth making, Glove making, Cheese and Ice Cream Factory, Tobacco and Cigarette Factory, and Agricultural Workers.

Area 3,686 acres (3,686)

Population 4,950 (4761)

No. of inhabited houses 1,454 (1,401)

Rateable Value £25,608 (£26,198)
(at 31.12.48.)

Product of Penny Rate £109. 18. 2. (£102. 11. 6.)
(at 31.3.48.)

3. VITAL STATISTICS. (Figures for 1947 in brackets)

(a)	<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Legitimate	50	40	90 (91)
	Illegitimate	2	2	4 (4)
	Totals	52	42	94 (95)

Live Birth Rate for Westbury 19.0

Live Birth Rate England & Wales 17.9

<u>Previous Years</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1945</u>	<u>1944</u>
District	19.9	19.8	15.2	23.1
England & Wales	20.5	19.1	16.1	17.6

(b) Infant Mortality

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	0	1	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Infant Mortality Rate</u>	(per 1,000 Live Births)		
District	10.5	(31.6)	
England & Wales	34.0	(41.0)	

(c) <u>Still Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	(1947)
Legitimate	1	2	3	(1)
Illegitimate	0	1	1	(3)
Total	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	(4)

(d) Deaths (see list of Causes of Death)

Male 24 Female 27 Total 51

Death Rate per 1,000 Population

	<u>1948</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1945</u>	<u>1944</u>
District	10.3	14.9	12.6	11.3	13.8
England & Wales	10.8	12.0	11.5	11.4	11.6

4. CAUSES OF DEATH. (Registrar General)

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Typhoid & Paratyphoid Fevers	0	0	0
Cerebro Spinal Fever	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	0	0	0
Other forms of Tuberculosis	1	0	1

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	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Syphylitic Diseases	0	0	0
Influenza	0	0	0
Measles	0	0	0
Acute Polio-Myelitis & Polio			
Encephalitis	0	0	0
Acute Infectious Encephalitis	0	0	0
Cancer of Buccal Cavity &)			
Oesophagus (Male))	0	1	1
Uterus (Female))			
Cancer of Stomach & Duodenum	3	0	3
Cancer of Breast	0	0	0
Cancer all other sites	1	5	6
Diabetes	0	1	1
Intra-cranial Vascular Lesions	1	3	4
Heart Diseases	7	10	17
Other diseases of Circulatory			
System	1	2	3
Bronchitis	1	1	2
Pneumonia	0	0	0
Other Respiratory diseases	1	0	1
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	1	0	1
Diarrhoea under 2 years	0	0	0
Appendicitis	0	0	0
Other Digestive Diseases	0	0	0
Nephritis	0	1	1
Puerperal & Post Abortion Sepsis	0	0	0
Other Maternal causes	0	0	0
Premature Birth	0	0	0
Congenital Malformation)			
Birth Injury, Infantile)	0	1	1
Diseases)			
Suicide	0	0	0
Road Traffic Accident	2	1	3
Other violent causes	2	0	2
All other Causes	3	1	4
	<u>24</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>51</u>

5. INFECTIOUS DISEASES. Notifications

The following Diseases were notified among Civilians during 1948:-

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June.	Jly.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Scarlet Fever	1	1			2							1	5
Measles			1		1		1	2					5

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DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION.

A clinic is held on the fourth Thursday in each month at the Laverton Institute, Westbury. Parents are now asked to attend when the child is 8 - 9 months old so that immunity may be developed before the child reaches the age of one year. School children also attend this clinic for reinforcing injections.

102 children completed a full course of primary immunization during the year: 53 children were given reinforcing injections.

Number of children who had completed a full course of Immunization at any time up to 31.12.48.

Age at 31.12.48.i.e. Born in year	Under 1	1	2	3	4	5 - 9	10 - 14	Total under 15
Born in year	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1939/43	1934/38	15
	-	70	62	43	61	270	250	756

6. TUBERCULOSIS.

The number of cases of Tuberculosis on the Register at 31/12/48 was:-

Pulmonary Tuberculosis

Non Pulmonary Tuberculosis

Male 21, Female 19, Total 40. Male 24, Female 17, Total 41.

New cases notified during the year.

Pulmonary

Non Pulmonary

Male Female Total

Male Female Total

Nil 1 1

nil

7. CLINICS.

The following Clinics serve the District:-

1. Antenatal (specialist) at Trowbridge. Cases referred by own doctor or midwife.
2. Infant Welfare: Congregational School Room, Westbury; on the first and third Thursdays of the month 2.0.p.m. Run by the Westbury & District Nursing Association.
3. Diphtheria Immunization: Laverton Institute, on fourth Thursday of every month, 2.30.p.m.

4. Ear, Nose & Throat: by invitation from County Council.
5. Eye: By invitation from the County Council.
6. Orthopaedic: at Trowbridge, invitation from County Council.
7. Tuberculosis: at Trowbridge: Cases referred by own Doctor or by invitation from County Council.
8. Cancer & Rheumatism: at Bristol and Bath, by arrangement with County Council.

8. HOUSING.

Oldfield Park. Site for 140 houses. 72 of these have been completed to the end of 1948 and contracts let for a further 50 of which 20 were under construction at 31.12.48.

During 1948 work was started on the conversion of 87 huts at Penleigh Ex Prisoner of War Camp of which 38 huts were occupied by the end of the year.

9. WATER SUPPLY.

The supply to the Urban District was derived mainly from the source at Wellhead, only a few houses being supplied from the Bratton Road Pumping Station. The quantity proved sufficient and the quality from the Wellhead supply was satisfactory.

Report of bacteriological analyses:-

A. Treated.

Date	Source of Sample	Bacteriological Count per l.m.l.	Estimated Coli Aero-genes Count per 100.m.l.	Estimated Faecal B.Coli Count per 100 m.l.
13. 1.48.	Laverton Inst.	3	8	0
8. 6.48.	" "	0	0	0
8. 6.48.	Reservoir	0	0	0
8. 6.48.	Oldfield Road	0	0	0
1.12.48.	Reservoir	27	7	0

B. Untreated.

27. 1.48.	Wellhead No.1.	0	0	0
8. 6.48.	" No.2.	2	0	0
2.12.48.	" No.2.	0	0	0
2.12.48.	" No.3.	1	0	0

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Date	Source of Sample	Bacteriological Count per l.m.l.	Estimated Coli Aero-genes Count per 100.m.l.	Estimated Faecal B.Coli Count per 100.m.l.
8. 6.48.	Bratton Rd.	1	180 +	0
27.10.48.	" "	1	8	0
1.12.48.	" "	42	160	5
27. 8.48.	Masonic Supply	220	20	3
1. 9.48.	" "	10	35	0
27.10.48.	" "	2	5	0
1.12.48.	" "	2	3	0
8. 6.48.	Bitham	0	160	0
1. 9.48.	"	43	90	0
1.12.48.	"	3	13	0

CHLORINATION.

Chlorination of the Wellhead supply was maintained satisfactorily.

and Bitham
Users of the Masonic/supplies were warned in August that by reason of pollution the water could only be considered safe for drinking after having been boiled.

Number of dwellinghouses supplied direct to house 1328

Number of population supplied direct to house 4556 approx.

Number of dwellinghouses supplied by stand-pipes 82

Number of population supplied by stand-pipes 218 approx.

10. SEWERAGE.

The Sewage Works were inspected during August by the County Sanitary Inspector who reported to the County Public Health and Housing Committees that these works were in good sanitary condition and producing an effluent which appeared physically satisfactory.

The Analyst reported "This is a very satisfactory effluent."

11. SANITARY INSPECTIONS.

An analysis of the sanitary work for the year is appended.

12. RATS AND MICE.

The Rodent Officer, whose services are shared by the Warminster Urban District and Warminster & Westbury Rural District, visited dwellings, factories and farms in the district. Attention was also given to the sewers and refuse tip.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS

Overcrowding.

- 9 Cases were investigated during the year.
- 9 Cases were found to be overcrowded.
- 7 Cases of overcrowding abated by re housing into Council properties.
- 2 Cases remaining will be abated as soon as accommodation is available.

Factory Acts.

- 1 Inspection made re fire escapes for factories.

Bakehouses in the district have been inspected periodically.

- 2 Inspections for licences for T.T. Milk.
- 4 " " " " Ice Cream.
- 1 Inspection for renewal of Slaughterer's Licence.

- 6 Licences granted for Milk and Ice Cream.
- 1 Inspection made re pollution of stream by trade refuse.
- 1 Notice served to abate ditto.

- 31 Certificates issued for unsound food voluntarily surrendered, comprising wet fish, meat, canned fish, meat, milk and fruits.

Housing.

- 22 Houses inspected for defects under the Housing and Public Health Acts.
- 37 Number of inspections for such purpose.
- 10 Houses inspected under Housing (Consolidated) Regs. 1925.
- 13 Number of inspections for such purpose.

Defects.

- 14 Houses rendered fit by informal action.
- 3 Notices served under Housing Acts.
- Nil Demolition Orders.
- Nil Closing Orders.
- Nil Housing Act 1925, Sections 3, 11, 14 and 15.
- 19 Defective Drains and W.C's.
- 13 Abated by informal action.
- 19 Number of inspections for such purpose.
- 1 Undertaking accepted by Authority from owners for closure of house when tenants have been re-housed.

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Classified Defects.

"A" column indicates number of houses so defective.
"B" " " " " abated.
"C" " " " " receiving attention.

<u>Item.</u>	<u>"A"</u>	<u>"B"</u>	<u>"C"</u>
Dampness	53	20	13
Insanitary Conditions	23	9	14
Defective Cisterns	2	1	1
Insufficient Water Supply	-	-	-
Defective Walls	15	5	10
Defective Plasterwork	20	10	10
Defective Stairs	4	-	4
Defective Floors	8	2	6
Defective Roofs	23	9	14

General.

Defective Fittings for W.C's, hot and cold water systems, baths, etc., have been dealt with by the Water Engineer, as follows:-

Item.

Defective Taps	95	95
Defective Traps	5	5
Defective Cisterns	4	4
Defective Valves	48	48

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